

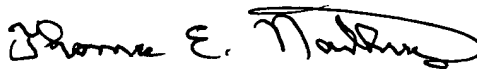
specification specifically recites that the present invention provides a core molecule for use in constructing a combinatorial library. At page 6, lines 4, 5, and 6, the specification explicitly states that the present invention provides core molecules for use in combinatorial organic chemistry and for use in preparing and deconvoluting combinatorial libraries. A detailed description of the utility of the present invention can be found in the specification at page 17, line 8 and continuing to page 20, line 13. Still further, the Examples of the specification explicitly set forth the use of core molecules of the present invention in constructing a combinatorial library. Applicants respectfully submit that the above statements constitute an assertion of a credible utility. Applicants further respectfully submit that the Examiner has not established a *prima facie* showing that the claimed invention has no credible utility. If the Examiner has a reason to question the credibility of the asserted utility, Applicants respectfully request that such reason be brought to their attention so that this matter can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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